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FOOD LABELS:

I urge you to adopt regulations causing food to be labelled with as much information on its preparation as possible.

Do not use poorly grounded science to remove the basic information that we need to make food decisions.

Specifically include the use of external hormones, such as Bovine Growth Hormone, the use of ionizing radiation and the use of genetically engineered species.

I am a professional chemist with immense respect for science. Yet I know that you cannot possibly know enough to enforce consumer ignorance based on your still inadequate knowledge of new technologies.

Even a 99% certainty concerning side effects loses its reliability as that 1% uncertainty is stretched out over many years and many populations. Respect both the intelligence of consumers and their right to choose their own food, even if you disagree with their choices.

Your insistence on hiding facts from consumers has severely degraded my respect for your Agency and causes me to doubt your integrity. You appear to be solidly in the employee of corporations who are trying to push their products onto an unwilling public.

I believe I have a right to make my own food decisions, based on full disclosure.

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